

By: Representative Holmes of the 125th

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

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5 WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Carl Hamrick, a gentleman who
6 attained excellence both as a human being and in service to his community; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia, in 1972; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Georgia in 1976, where he was a member
9 and officer of Phi Delta Theta; and

10 WHEREAS, Carl was the co-owner of Hamrick Building Supply and Company, Inc., along
11 with his brother John Williams Hamrick, a company which opened in 1976; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Gray United Methodist Church and served several
13 years on the board of trustees; and

14 WHEREAS, Carl had developed a true appreciation of Jones County's history which was
15 instilled in him at an early age by his parents, Mary Ann Williams and Edward S. Hamrick,
16 and especially by his grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Williams, a Jones County historian and the
17 author of *History of Jones County, Georgia 1807 — 1907 Bicentennial Edition*; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
19 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions to the community he loved and
20 served by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis, a native of Bibb County, Georgia, and a Platoon Guide with Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division of the United States Marine Corps, was killed in action on September 6, 1967, during a search and clear mission in the Quang Nam Province of the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, he stood amid heavy arms and mortar fire to verbally encourage each man in his platoon, though they were entrenched and facing a numerically superior force of attacking enemy combatants; and

WHEREAS, SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis committed the ultimate act of self-sacrifice by throwing himself upon an enemy grenade, thereby absorbing the force of the explosion and protecting his comrades from injury or death; and

WHEREAS, for his gallantry and valor, and his upholding of the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service, SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis was posthumously awarded the nation's highest military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, he also received the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Military Merit Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross; and

WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting that SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis be honored as a true American hero by a permanent memorial to his contributions to our country.

PART III

WHEREAS, Anne O. Mueller has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service with the Georgia House of Representatives, 1983-2002, and as a member of the board of the Department of Human Resources, 2003-2008; and

51 WHEREAS, she served as Dean of the Chatham County Legislative Delegation; and

52 WHEREAS, a 1951 graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree
53 in zoology and a registered medical technologist, Mrs. Mueller has also served on several
54 boards and committees, including those for the Summer Therapeutic Environment Program
55 for Severely and Profoundly Retarded Citizens, Savannah-Chatham County Humane Society,
56 Goodwill Industries, Cultural Affairs Commission of Savannah, Windsor Forest Educational
57 Foundation, Bamboo Farms and Coastal Gardens, and Matthew Reardon Center; and

58 WHEREAS, this extraordinary leader further served her community with the Benevolent and
59 Protective Order of Elks Lodge #183, Windsor Forest Baptist Church, Savannah Area
60 Republican Women, Chatham County Republican Committee, and Georgia Federation of
61 Republican Women; and

62 WHEREAS, honors and awards bestowed upon Anne O. Mueller include Republican of the
63 Year, Chatham County; Service Award, Georgia Republican Party; Leadership Award,
64 Women in Sports; Recognition Award, Foster Parents Association; Legislator of the Year,
65 National Association of the Blind; Volunteer of the Year, Windsor Forest High School and
66 Windsor Forest Elementary School; and Key to the City, Pooler, Georgia; and

67 WHEREAS, all of these things, which are just a portion of this woman's contributions and
68 accomplishments, are evidence of Mrs. Mueller's interest in and dedication to management
69 of water resources; mental health and issues involving developmentally disabled persons,
70 substance abuse, homelessness, and human resources; foster care and grandparents raising
71 grandchildren; and elementary and secondary education and extracurricular activities; and

72 WHEREAS, the richness of her public and professional lives in no way overshadows the joy
73 and pleasure she has experienced in her personal life as the wife of the late Hans K. (Whitey)
74 Mueller and as the mother of three, grandmother of nine, and great-grandmother of eight; and

75 WHEREAS, Anne O. Mueller's significant organizational and leadership talents, her
76 remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs
77 of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and
78 associates; and

79 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
80 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

81 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mueller has served the citizens of this state with honor and distinction, and
82 her vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service; and

83 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
84 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized and that a bridge be
85 dedicated in her honor.

86 **PART IV**

87 WHEREAS, Rosa T. Beard was born in Blythe, Georgia, on November 22, 1919, the oldest
88 child to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gartrell (Ollie Brown) Tarver; and

89 WHEREAS, before settling in the Turpin Hill neighborhood of Augusta, Georgia, the family
90 resided in Cairo, Georgia, and Thomasville, Georgia; and

91 WHEREAS, on June 27, 1948, she married the love of her life, Ernest Beard, and the
92 marriage was blessed by four loving children, Rosa Ann, Kathryn Lorraine, Ernest Eric, and
93 Cheryl Juanita; and

94 WHEREAS, after graduating from Paine High School in 1938, she obtained a bachelor's
95 degree in home economics and natural science from Paine College in 1942 and earned a
96 master's degree in education and chemistry from Columbia University Teachers College in
97 New York in 1951; and

98 WHEREAS, she was a dedicated educator for 41 years; her professional career began in
99 1942 at Bettis Academy and Junior College in Trenton College, South Carolina, and
100 continued at the Charles T. Walker Elementary School, the Augustus R. Johnson Junior High
101 School, and T.W. Josey High School, all in Augusta, Georgia; and

102 WHEREAS, she was committed to the academic, social, and cultural development of young
103 people, so she started the Rosa T. Beard Debutante Club, and for nearly five decades she
104 helped groom thousands of young women for adult society; and

105 WHEREAS, she diligently served at Antioch Baptist Church for some 50 years, participating
106 in choirs, as a Sunday school teacher, missionary, and trustee; and

107 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to the life well lived of this
108 elegant and courageous woman be established.

109 **PART V**

110 WHEREAS, Hugh Carroll Butler was born on September 1, 1934, in Ramhurst, Georgia, and
111 passed away on December 22, 2010; and

112 WHEREAS, he lived in Port Wentworth, Georgia, for 48 years after moving to the area with
113 his wife while serving in the United States Air Force; and

114 WHEREAS, he was a member of the city council of Port Wentworth for 20 years; and

115 WHEREAS, he served for many years as the chairman of the Good Samaritan Committee
116 of Port Wentworth, which was formed to help travelers in need of assistance and to deliver
117 baskets of food to needy families during the Christmas season; and

118 WHEREAS, Carroll was a member of the Lions Club for over 25 years and served as its
119 president on several occasions; and

120 WHEREAS, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Port Wentworth for 45
121 years, serving as a deacon and Sunday school director; and

122 WHEREAS, he and his wife of nearly 55 years, Carolyn Scott Butler, were blessed with two
123 children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

124 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life well lived of Hugh Carroll Butler, with
125 his devotion to his family, his church, his community, and his country, be memorialized with
126 a lasting monument.

127 **PART VI**

128 WHEREAS, Sergeant Jerry Bagley was born on April 19, 1946, to the late Dave and Jewel
129 Bagley in the Telmore Community in Ware County, Georgia, and attended Waresboro
130 Elementary School and graduated from Ware County High School; and

131 WHEREAS, he entered the service on March 21, 1966, and was killed by a sniper in the line
132 of fire on April 26, 1967, while proudly serving our country in Company C., 39th Infantry,
133 9th Infantry Division, deployed in Vietnam; and

134 WHEREAS, Sergeant Bagley served his county with honor and distinction and received a
135 Bronze Star with "V" for Valor, a Purple Heart, and a Combat Infantryman badge; and

136 WHEREAS, his two surviving brothers and their wives, Roy and Susie Bagley of Odum,
137 Georgia, and Jimmy and Willodene Bagley of Telmore, Georgia, wish to honor the memory
138 of their fallen brother; and

139 WHEREAS, the citizens of Ware County owe a deep debt of gratitude to Sergeant Bagley
140 for his ultimate sacrifice and wish to honor him for the same; and

141 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this American hero be
142 established.

143 **PART VII**

144 WHEREAS, Coach Billy Henderson is an outstanding citizen of Bibb County, Georgia, and
145 was a star athlete in four sports during his matriculation at Macon's Lanier High School for
146 Boys, a prep All-American in both football and baseball during his junior and senior years;
147 and

148 WHEREAS, Coach Henderson was known as the "Macon Meteor" after being named as a
149 four-year letterman in both football and baseball at the University of Georgia from 1946 to
150 1949; and

151 WHEREAS, Coach Henderson served as athletic director and head football coach at A.R.
152 Willingham High School for Boys, and he led the football team to a career record of
153 64-42-14; and

154 WHEREAS, in his role as head baseball coach, Coach Henderson led his team to victory in
155 the state championship in 1969; and

156 WHEREAS, Coach Henderson also served as head baseball coach and assistant football
157 coach at Mt. deSales Academy and as athletic director and head football coach at Clarke
158 Central High School in Athens, Georgia, until the time of his retirement; and

159 WHEREAS, Coach Billy Henderson was the face and voice of Willingham High School
160 from its inception to its closure and is to this day a positive influence and an inspiring role
161 model to the boys who attended Willingham High School and to the former female students
162 of Willingham's sister school, McEvoy High School for Girls; and

163 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Coach Billy Henderson be honored as an
164 outstanding citizen of Bibb County with a permanent reminder of his leadership and example
165 to this community.

166 **PART VIII**

167 WHEREAS, Claude A. Bray, Jr., was born on July 14, 1931, at the home of his maternal
168 grandparents, Otis E. and Fannie Smith, in Grantville, Georgia; and

169 WHEREAS, he graduated from Manchester High School in 1949 where he was president of
170 his senior class, co-captain of the football team, and a member of the tennis team; and

171 WHEREAS, in 1954, he earned his law degree from the University of Georgia Law School,
172 where he served as Chief Justice of the Honor Court, President of the Law Student Advisory
173 Council, and President of the Law School Student Bar Association; and

174 WHEREAS, after graduation, Claude entered the United States Air Force with a commission
175 as a 2nd Lieutenant and served on active duty in the office of the Judge Advocate General;
176 and

177 WHEREAS, after his discharge, he established law offices in Meriwether County, in
178 Greenville and Manchester; and

179 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1967 and served
180 through 1987; he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, vice chairman of the
181 Judiciary Committee, and chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee; and

182 WHEREAS, in 1987, Claude was appointed as a director of the State Workers'
183 Compensation Board; and

184 WHEREAS, he has served in many civic organizations and as a Deacon and member of the
185 First Baptist Church, as well as a Sunday school teacher; and

186 WHEREAS, he is the widower of Carolyn Ann Irwin, and they had three children, Charles
187 Bradly Bray, Claudia Allison Bray, and Carolyn Ann Irwin Bray Linn; and

188 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Claude A. Bray, Jr., be honored for his life of
189 achievement and service to the people of Georgia and Meriwether County, and that a lasting
190 reminder of his work be established.

191 **PART IX**

192 WHEREAS, Michael J. Buras was born in Tifton, Georgia, on July 28, 1987, to John E.
193 Buras and Joy Ann Butrica Buras and he grew up in Fitzgerald, Georgia, graduating from
194 Fitzgerald High School in 2005; and

195 WHEREAS, he was very active in the DLS sports programs and an avid Purple Hurricane
196 soccer team member for four years, having been named to the Who's Who of Georgia Soccer;
197 and

198 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the Air Force in April 2006, and after completing basic military
199 training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he graduated the Naval EOD technical training in March
200 2007 at Eglin AFB, Florida, and he arrived at his first, and only, duty station at Nellis AFB
201 where he immediately began his journeyman skill-level upgrade; and

202 WHEREAS, SrA Buras was no stranger to Afghanistan, he deployed three times in his short
203 career, twice to Bagram Airfield where he was assigned to the 755th Air Expeditionary
204 Squadron, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, Operating Location Alpha; during his second
205 deployment in May 2009, he received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during an
206 improvised explosive device (IED) explosion on his armored vehicle; and

207 WHEREAS, he deployed on August 25, 2010, with the 755th Air Expeditionary Squadron
208 EOD Flight, to Operating Location Bravo, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, and he and his
209 Air Force team cleared lines of communication; enabled freedom of maneuver; and ensured
210 coalition and local national safety by engaging and defeating the enemy's weapon of choice,
211 the IED; and

212 WHEREAS, on September 21, 2010, his team dismounted in the vicinity of Hendu Kalachen,
213 Kandahar Province, Dand District and proceeded to prosecute two victim-operated IEDs; and

214 WHEREAS, unknown to his team, a device was insidiously camouflaged next to their safe
215 area and SrA Buras was mortally wounded and his team members seriously injured when the
216 device detonated; and

217 WHEREAS, SrA Buras has earned the Bronze Star with Valor device, Purple Heart with one
218 oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army
219 Commendation Medal with Valor device and one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Combat Action
220 Medal with Gold Star device, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star, the ISAF
221 NATO Medal, and the Army Combat Action Badge; and

222 WHEREAS, he was vivacious and tenacious, and an exceptional and experienced EOD team
223 member, a devoted husband, father, and friend, and his greatest joy was his daughter,
224 Maddison; he will forever be missed and is survived by his wife Emily, daughter Maddison,
225 father John, mother Joy, and sisters Samantha and Michele; and

226 WHEREAS, by his heroic actions and unselfish dedication to duty in the service to his
227 country, Senior Airman Buras has reflected great credit upon himself and the country and it
228 is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial be dedicated in his honor.

229 **PART X**

230 WHEREAS, on January 24, 2002, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
231 distinguished citizens with the tragic and untimely passing of C. Lloyd Smith; and

232 WHEREAS, he was born in 1921 in Fannin County to Dan and Lola Smith of the Morganton
233 and Hemp Community; and

234 WHEREAS, he served during World War II in the 112th Calvary, the last horse mounted unit
235 in the army; and

236 WHEREAS, he was awarded two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts for his heroic service
237 to his country; and

238 WHEREAS, in 1952, C. Lloyd Smith graduated from the University of Georgia with a
239 degree in agricultural science and went to work as a county extension agent for Towns,
240 Gordon, Gilmer, and Baker counties until health problems forced him to retire in 1978; and

241 WHEREAS, in 1978, he was named the extension agent of the year by the United States
242 Department of Agriculture; and

243 WHEREAS, he joined the Lions Club while in Towns County and was honored as a lifetime
244 member in 1998 at the Ellijay Lions Club; and

245 WHEREAS, in 1972, he was instrumental in starting the Georgia Apple Festival as a local
246 craft fair to promote the apples of Gilmer County; and

247 WHEREAS, in 1991, C. Lloyd Smith was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Gilmer
248 County Chamber of Commerce for being a walking, traveling billboard for Gilmer County
249 and the North Georgia region; and

250 WHEREAS, he took the lead in Better Hometown Georgia, an initiative to help the street
251 landscapes on the city square and North Main Street and River Street in Ellijay; and

252 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all
253 his endeavors and whose primary concern was the welfare and safety of the citizens of the
254 City of Ellijay and Gilmer County; and

255 WHEREAS, this exceptional individual exhibited outstanding leadership and meticulous
256 attention to detail in all his duties throughout his lengthy career of public service as a county
257 extension agent, followed by his years of service as mayor of Ellijay, and it is only fitting and
258 proper that a lasting memorial to his life of service be established.

259 **PART XI**

260 WHEREAS, Miss Ida Ware Scott, 23, of Lincolnton, Georgia, passed away on April 13,
261 2009; and

262 WHEREAS, she was born on December 2, 1985, to her loving parents, Bonnie Sue Holloway
263 Scott and Fred Thomas Scott; and

264 WHEREAS, Ida was a beloved daughter and sister, a dear friend to many, and a great
265 scholar; and

266 WHEREAS, she was a 2004 honor graduate of Lincoln County High School where she was
267 a member of the Senior Homecoming Court and earned the senior superlative for Best Sense
268 of Style and Best All-Around; and

269 WHEREAS, she was known for her dramatic talent and her performances possessed a depth
270 rarely seen in someone so young; and

271 WHEREAS, her love of learning and her love of children with special needs inspired her to
272 earn a Bachelor of Science degree in education with honors from Georgia Southern
273 University in 2008; and

274 WHEREAS, Ida used her talents to help children with special needs reach their potential at
275 Groveton Middle School; and

276 WHEREAS, she leaves behind her parents; her fiancé, Justin Rickerson; her sister and
277 brother-in-law, Audra S. and Lex Aycock; and her nieces, Ali and Lexi Aycock; and

278 WHEREAS, her dedication to her students, her love for her family, fiancé and friends, and
279 her infectious laugh and dry wit will be sorely missed, and it is only fitting and proper that
280 a lasting memorial to her life be established.

281 **PART XII**

282 WHEREAS, Officer Kathy Cox served 30 years of her life in law enforcement and was
283 dedicated to her job as Gordon County's Ordinance Enforcement Officer; and

284 WHEREAS, she was a volunteer member of the Gordon County Fire Department in
285 Nickelsville, Georgia; and

286 WHEREAS, she was committed to training and continuous learning in order to better serve
287 the citizens of Gordon County, the State of Georgia, and the United States of America; and

288 WHEREAS, over the years, she obtained her instructor's rating from the state and taught at
289 the Northwest Georgia Regional Police Academy; she specialized in firearms training and
290 was a member of the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement; and

291 WHEREAS, early in her career, Officer Cox was a K-9 handler for Paulding County and she
292 and her dog, SGT Babe, conducted many searches for narcotics and cadavers; and

293 WHEREAS, on August 21, 2008, Officer Cox lost her life in an automobile accident while
294 on duty serving the citizens of Gordon County; and

295 WHEREAS, Officer Cox served her community with great integrity and pride, and it is only
296 proper and fitting to establish a permanent memorial to her life of service.

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PART XIII

298 WHEREAS, Harold Wiggins was born in 1932 in Coffee County, Georgia, and was killed
299 in action on July 7, 1953, in Korea; and

300 WHEREAS, SGT Wiggins was a member of the 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry
301 Division of the United States Army; and

302 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean
303 Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the
304 Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal; and

305 WHEREAS, members of his family, including his brother, Rufus Wiggins, his sister, Evelyn
306 Wiggins Banks, and his niece, Linda Wright, still reside in Coffee County and often share
307 memories of their childhood spent swimming and playing in the river; and

308 WHEREAS, in honor of his life and dedicated service and supreme sacrifice for our nation,
309 it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial be established.

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PART XIV

311 WHEREAS, PFC Samuel Stephens Lance was born to Sam and Virginia Jo Lance on
312 November 24, 1949, in Fort Payne, Alabama; and

313 WHEREAS, he was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne
314 Division and died in Vietnam on May 1, 1970, while serving his country; and

315 WHEREAS, Steve attended Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, Georgia, where he
316 played football and basketball in his senior year; and

317 WHEREAS, he received the Coaches "Max Smith Award" for his skill at baseball; and

318 WHEREAS, he attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Chickamauga, and loved to go fishing
319 and hunting whenever he could; and

320 WHEREAS, Steve had three sisters, Jennifer Tarvin, Cynthia Lance, and Bridgett Barrett;
321 and

322 WHEREAS, because his father died three years before him, Steve became the man of the
323 family at a young age and took good care of his mother and sisters before he went into
324 military service; and

325 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this hero who made the
326 ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom be established.

327 **PART XV**

328 WHEREAS, in 1887, Charles Lafayette Stapleton, Charlie Will Stapleton's father, settled on
329 farmland bordering Bear Creek and reared 11 children; and

330 WHEREAS, in 1938, Charlie Will bought adjacent farmland that surrounds the present
331 bridge site over Bear Creek; and

332 WHEREAS, he lived on and farmed this land for his entire life, and the land is still owned
333 and farmed by his great-nephew; and

334 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding man be
335 established.

336 **PART XVI**

337 WHEREAS, Luther H. Story was a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean
338 War, and he posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on
339 September 1, 1950; and

340 WHEREAS, he was born on July 20, 1931, in Buena Vista, Georgia; and

341 WHEREAS, on September 1, 1950, PFC Story distinguished himself by conspicuous
342 gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action; and

343 WHEREAS, during a savage daylight attack that penetrated the thinly held lines of the 9th
344 Infantry, PFC Story, a weapons squad leader, observed a large group of the enemy crossing
345 the river to attack Company A; and seizing a machine gun from his wounded gunner, he
346 placed deadly fire on the hostile column, killing or wounding an estimated 100 enemy
347 soldiers; and

348 WHEREAS, facing certain encirclement, the company commander ordered a withdrawal;
349 during the move, PFC Story noticed the approach of an enemy truck, and after alerting his
350 comrades to take cover, he fearlessly stood in the middle of the road, throwing grenades into
351 the truck; and

352 WHEREAS, during the withdrawal, the company was attacked by such superior numbers that
353 it was forced to deploy in a rice field, and PFC Story was wounded in this action but,
354 disregarding his wounds, rallied the men about him and repelled the attack; when last seen,
355 he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault; and

356 WHEREAS, PFC Story's extraordinary heroism, aggressive leadership, and supreme
357 devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and were in keeping with the
358 esteemed traditions of the military service.

359 **PART XVII**

360 WHEREAS, although he considered himself an Atlanta native, Forrest Laughlin Adair II
361 was born in 1941 in Birmingham, Alabama; and

362 WHEREAS, after graduating from Riverside Military School, he attended Georgia Tech and
363 later graduated from Georgia State with a business degree in real estate; and

364 WHEREAS, Forrest did not accept Jack Adair's offer of employment in the family business,
365 Adair Realty; instead, he felt compelled to be responsible for his own destiny, so he joined
366 The First National Bank of Atlanta in 1962; and

367 WHEREAS, but real estate was his true calling, so in 1982, he partnered with Virgil and Jim
368 Williams to form Williams Adair Equity Corp. and later, Williams Adair Realty Corp.; and

369 WHEREAS, over the next several decades, he directed the construction, purchase, and sale
370 of over one million square feet of diversified product, including office parks, strip shopping
371 centers, and mid-rise suburban office buildings; and

372 WHEREAS, he was always concerned with the impact of real estate on the community, as
373 evidenced by his participation in civic organizations, such as The Gwinnett Council for
374 Quality Growth - Past President, The Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, The Evermore CID,
375 NAIOP, the Commercial Board of Realtors, and others too numerous to name; and

376 WHEREAS, real estate was in his blood; Forrest Laughlin Adair II was the 4th generation
377 of an Atlanta real estate family, and his great-great-grandfather, Colonel George Adair, was
378 commonly referred to as the Father of Atlanta for his work rebuilding Atlanta after the Civil
379 War; Colonel Adair's motto was, "To be reliable is a fortune"; and

380 WHEREAS, Forrest's legacy is visible throughout Gwinnett County; he had a hand in all
381 types of projects, including apartments, office buildings, office parks, and shopping centers;
382 but land development projects were his favorite, as evidenced by his ATM pin number
383 "DIRT"; and

384 WHEREAS, walking a property in consideration of future development was his favorite real
385 estate activity; however, his most important legacy was the development of young men; and

386 WHEREAS, he was keenly aware of the challenges that face today's youth, and he believed
387 in building character in young men through the lessons and challenges of youth sports; he
388 coached baseball and football for over 30 years, and although some teams included his sons,
389 most of his time was spent pro bono for the children of others; he was known for
390 chauffeuring boys whose parents could not provide transportation and for building
391 self-confidence and teaching accountability; and

392 WHEREAS, he loved real estate, but his true legacy can be seen in the faces of all he
393 touched, and it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this life well lived be
394 established.

395 **PART XVIII**

396 WHEREAS, William Austin Atkins, Sr., born in Tate, Georgia, on August 16, 1933, to
397 Austin and Gladys Atkins, has been recognized in the 24th Edition of Who's Who in the
398 World as worthy of recognition along with notable leaders and achievers from all walks of
399 life, whose contributions have made a lasting impact on the political, cultural, business, and
400 academic frameworks of America and the world; and

401 WHEREAS, this esteemed member of the House of Representatives from 1982 to 1994
402 served his constituents well as a member of the Appropriations, Regulated Beverages, and
403 Industry Committees; and

404 WHEREAS, his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Mercer University was of
405 great use to him as the Director of the Drugs and Narcotics Agency of the State of Georgia,
406 a position which he retired from in 2008; and

407 WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins possesses a wide range of talents and abilities which include being
408 lead vocalist of the Bill Atkins Band; and

409 WHEREAS, this devoted husband and father of two children and two stepchildren still finds
410 time to be involved in his community through his service to the First United Methodist
411 Church on the administrative board, to Mercer University School of Pharmacy on the board
412 of directors, Brawner Hospital on the governing board, and Smyrna Hospital on the
413 long-range planning board; and

414 WHEREAS, he honorably served his country in the United States Army Medical Service
415 Corps from 1955 to 1957; and

416 WHEREAS, others have recognized his talents and contributions by honoring him with
417 awards such as the Smyrna/Oakdale Moose Lodge in 1993 with the "Mr. Cobb County"
418 award; the Cobb County Clean Commission in 1992 with the "One of a Kind Award"; Cobb
419 County in 1992 with the Statesman of the Year award; American Cancer Society in 1991
420 with the Recipient Appreciation plaque; Personal Care Homes of Georgia in 1991 with the
421 Legislator of the Year Friendship Award; and the Cobb County Bar Association in 1991 with
422 the Liberty Bell Award; and

423 WHEREAS, in addition to the Pharmacist of the Year in Georgia award he received from Phi
424 Delta Chi in 1978, he has also received numerous awards throughout the years for his
425 dedication and service to the pharmacy profession; and

426 WHEREAS, Bill Atkins is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of one
427 individual can have on the citizens of his community, his state, his country, and even the
428 world, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be
429 recognized by the dedication of a bridge in his name in honor of his accomplishments.

430 **PART XIX**

431 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
432 with the passing of William Travis Duke of Mableton; and

433 WHEREAS, he served as a State Representative, 1971-1975; was active in local and state
434 politics for over 30 years; and was one of the first Republicans elected in Cobb County; and

435 WHEREAS, a man of conviction and purpose, he was a member and/or officer of myriad
436 community service boards, including the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce,
437 Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, Mable House, Cobb County Boys Club,
438 Open Gate Children's Shelter, Department of Family and Children Services, Georgian Club,
439 Cobb-Marietta Museum, Salvation Army, and the Jaycees; and

440 WHEREAS, William was united in love and marriage to Betty and was blessed with two
441 remarkable children, Jennifer and Derek, and three wonderful grandchildren; and

442 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
443 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
444 family and friends were admired by others; and

445 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
446 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
447 made this world a better place in which to live; and

448 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Travis Duke will long be
449 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal public servant and advocate
450 for his community will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him, and it is
451 only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to his life be established.

452 **PART XX**

453 WHEREAS, Roy Parrish was born in Walker County, Georgia, on November 29, 1933, one
454 of four children born to Roy E. Parrish, Sr., and the former Annie May Autry; the Parrish
455 family and the Autry family were pioneers to Walker County and have made this county their
456 homes since the eighteenth century; and

457 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish was educated in the City of Chickamauga School System and
458 graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1953; he started to work for the Chickamauga
459 Telephone Company while still in high school, and he remained in their employ for nineteen
460 years, the last several as general manager; and

461 WHEREAS, he also served two years on active duty with the United States Army in Korea;
462 and

463 WHEREAS, he was elected Sole Commissioner of Walker County in the Democratic
464 Primary of 1972 and took office January 1, 1973; he went on to serve six four-year terms;
465 and

466 WHEREAS, some of his major accomplishments include building the first sanitary landfill
467 in 1973 and operating it for 23 years; building and paving the county roads; passing the first
468 Local Option Sales Tax Referendum in 1977 that rolled back county property tax and for the
469 first time offered property tax relief to the local community; building the civic center,
470 pavilion, and the 911 Center; building a tunnel from the courthouse to the jail for security;
471 building and operating an animal shelter, 16 fire stations, and 126 bridges; and

472 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish worked with Georgia Department of Transportation and the United
473 States Department of the Interior as well as the National Park Service and Congressman
474 Buddy Darden to get a better corridor through or around the Chickamauga Battlefield and
475 was largely responsible for getting the western route through Walker County established as
476 the relocated Highway 27 around the Chickamauga National Park; and

477 WHEREAS, he has been married to the former Cora Ann Kell, also a native of Walker
478 County, for more than 50 years, and they had two children, two grandchildren, and two
479 great-grandchildren; they live in the City of Chickamauga where they are active members
480 of the Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church; and

481 WHEREAS, he retired, undefeated, from public office in 1996 and now enjoys the freedom
482 of retirement; he and Cora Ann spend time traveling, enjoying their family, gardening, and
483 working in their church where Roy has recruited many of his friends; and

484 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life of public service be
485 established.

486 **PART XXI**

487 WHEREAS, Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell gave a lifetime of service to the people of
488 Taylor County, Georgia, and had a long string of achievements and contributions to their
489 community; and

490 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the lives of service of Floyd C. and Mary
491 McCants Jarrell be honored with a lasting memorial.

492 **PART XXII**

493 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 traverses the entire western length of Georgia and is
494 approximately 352 miles long; and

495 WHEREAS, the highway connects 18 diverse counties in the common cause of economic
496 development and regionalism; and

497 WHEREAS, the state and federal government invested billions of dollars in constructing
498 U.S. Highway 27 and, by supporting travel and tourism investment along the corridor, the
499 state will be increasing the taxpayers' return on investment; and

500 WHEREAS, promoting tourism along U.S. Highway 27 supports efforts to dismantle
501 persistent poverty in Georgia as seven of the 18 counties along the highway are classified by
502 the University of Georgia as "counties with persistent poverty"; and

503 WHEREAS, the activities around the promotion of U.S. Highway 27 can serve as a
504 sustainable model for other corridor tourism and economic development efforts in Georgia;
505 and

506 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 offers an attractive, alternate north-south transportation route
507 with authentic Georgia cultural heritage and scenic resources.

508 **PART XXIII**

509 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of her most distinguished public servants,
510 innovative legal minds, and civil rights advocate with the passing of the Honorable John H.
511 Ruffin, Jr.; and

512 WHEREAS, Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., became the 62nd Judge of the Court of Appeals of
513 Georgia when he was administered the oath of office by Governor Zell Miller on August 24,
514 1994, after 33 years of practicing law and serving on the superior court bench; and

515 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin was born and reared in Waynesboro, Burke County, Georgia, the
516 son of John H. Ruffin, Sr., and Anna Davis Ruffin, and he was a graduate of Waynesboro

517 High and Industrial School, Morehouse College, and Howard University School of Law in
518 Washington, D.C.; and

519 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the Georgia Bar on July 5, 1961; and

520 WHEREAS, he was appointed a Superior Court Judge of the Augusta Judicial Circuit in
521 1986 by Governor Joe Frank Harris and he continued to serve as a superior court judge until
522 his appointment to the Court of Appeals; and

523 WHEREAS, in addition to being the first African American Superior Court Judge for the
524 Augusta Judicial Circuit, Judge Ruffin was also the first African American member of the
525 Augusta Bar Association, and the third African American and first African American Chief
526 Judge to serve on the Court of Appeals of Georgia; and

527 WHEREAS, in addition to his membership in the State Bar of Georgia, Judge Ruffin was a
528 member of the bars of the Supreme Court of Georgia, United States Supreme Court, United
529 States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and United States District Courts for the
530 Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia; and

531 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin had many professional, civic and religious affiliations, including:
532 Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia; Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia;
533 Tenth Judicial Administrative District; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Institute of Continuing
534 Judicial Education; Georgia Commission on Gender Bias; Court Reform Committee,
535 Governor's Conference on Justice in Georgia; Georgia Association of Criminal Defense
536 Lawyers; Georgia Advisory Council to the Legal Services Program; Judicial Nominating
537 Commission; Georgia Conference of Black Lawyers, Inc.; State Bar Judicial Compensation
538 Committee; American Judicature Society; National Bar Association; American Bar
539 Association; Augusta Bar Association; and the Atlanta Bar Association; and

540 WHEREAS, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges and
541 was on track to become the first African American to serve as President of the Council of
542 Superior Court Judges of Georgia prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals; and

543 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin and his beautiful wife, Judith, had one son, Brinkley, and two
544 grandsons, Bryson and Myles; and

545 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin and his family are members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in
546 Augusta; and

547 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to the life and outstanding
548 career of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., be established.

549 **PART XXIV**

550 WHEREAS, Kermit Yates was a prominent citizen of the City of Cobbtown in Tattnall
551 County, Georgia; and

552 WHEREAS, Mr. Yates moved to the City of Cobbtown in the 1930s and departed this life
553 on October 26, 1995, after a long career as a mechanic and noted member of the Cobbtown
554 community; and

555 WHEREAS, he was the mayor of Cobbtown for many years; he was in charge of the city's
556 water department and was one of the founders of the water system; and

557 WHEREAS, he was also very active in the Sunlight Primitive Church, where he served as
558 a deacon and was also the caretaker for the church cemetery; and

559 WHEREAS, since Mr. Yates was a mechanic, he kept everyone "running" by working on
560 cars, trucks, and tractors; and

561 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding public
562 servant and community leader be established.

563 **PART XXV**

564 WHEREAS, Elton C. Snow spent his early years farming in Wilkinson County with his
565 parents and nine brothers and sisters and developed a love for the land and the crops it
566 produced as he grew into a young adult; and

567 WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army during World War II, Elton returned to
568 his roots where he obtained land on what is now known as J. C. McCollough Road; and

569 WHEREAS, Elton and his family farmed this land for many years and the land is still owned
570 by his descendants; and

571 WHEREAS, he was employed by and retired from the State of Georgia; and

572 WHEREAS, Mr. Snow never forgot that his roots were planted in his Wilkinson County
573 farm, and he continued to farm the land and eventually built a barn and barbeque pit on the
574 property; and

575 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life of public service be
576 established.

577 **PART XXVI**

578 WHEREAS, Connor Lenning was born on November 10, 2006, and passed away on Friday,
579 February 26, 2010; and

580 WHEREAS, he was a beautiful ray of sunlight to all those who knew and loved him; and

581 WHEREAS, his favorite color was emerald green, and he loved green tractors and monster
582 jam trucks; and

583 WHEREAS, his big beautiful blue eyes radiated his joyful spirit; and

584 WHEREAS, three-year-old Connor Lenning, who lived with his mother north of Juliette in
585 Monroe County, died of trauma to his midsection at a hospital in Forsyth; and

586 WHEREAS, this beautiful child passed away due to a devastating incident of child abuse at
587 the hands of his mother's boyfriend; and

588 WHEREAS, his legacy lives on in those who will always love him and never forget him as
589 well as the cause now so dear to his family's heart – Stop the Cycle of Child Abuse; and

590 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to the life cut short of this
591 wonderful little boy be established.

592 **PART XXVII**

593 WHEREAS, Douglas Dent Daniel was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on Norwick Street on
594 May 16th, 1920, to his proud parents, Harry Hardy Daniel and Susie Dent Daniel; and

595 WHEREAS, he went to school in Odum (Primary, then 1st-10th grade) and then went to
596 Jesup High School for the 11th grade and graduated in 1938; and

597 WHEREAS, while in high school, he played baseball and football and ran track before he
598 was inducted into the Army on November 11, 1941, at Fort McPherson, Georgia; he served
599 in England, North Africa, Sicily, and Italy; and

600 WHEREAS, one of his proudest moments was being able to serve his country; and

601 WHEREAS, after his service he came home and painted the old school house, working 12
602 hours a day, and got a temporary civil service job spraying DDT to eradicate flies and fleas;
603 and

604 WHEREAS, in 1947 he went to Georgia Teachers College and graduated in 1949; after
605 graduation he got married to his sweetheart and moved to Hilliard, Florida, for one year; and

606 WHEREAS, in March of 1966, he opened Pearce's Store, known to customers as Doug
607 Daniel Furniture and he was so successful that he won the "Nice Guy Award" from the
608 furniture dealers of the State of Georgia and they held a banquet in his honor at the Hyatt
609 Regency Hotel in Atlanta; and

610 WHEREAS, in November of 1956 he and his wife adopted a daughter, Susan Bedell Daniel,
611 and in June of 1961 another daughter, Mary Dent Daniel; they were wonderful parents to
612 these two girls; and three grandsons came later; and

613 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel lost his sweetheart in 1985 and married Sylvia Johnson in 1986 and
614 two more grandsons came; and

615 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel has been very involved in his community and his church; he has
616 been selected for Odum Homecoming Grand Marshal for Odum Day Parade and also as
617 Citizen of the Year, and in his church, Odum Baptist, he has served on many committees and
618 was a Sunday school teacher and deacon; and

619 WHEREAS, he says when he leaves this earth he always hopes he is remembered as an
620 "Honest Person"; and

621 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life well lived be
622 established.

623 **PART XXVIII**

624 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
625 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by
626 Carlton Grady "Carl" Hamrick as he served his community and extend to his family utmost
627 appreciation by dedicating that portion of SR 11 from the intersection of SR 22 to the
628 Jones/Jasper County line as the Carl Hamrick Memorial Highway.

629 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding heroism
630 and bravery of SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis and dedicate the interchange at I-75 and I-475
631 in south Bibb County as the SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis Memorial Interchange.

632 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend Anne O. Mueller
633 for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia,
634 extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness, and dedicate
635 the bridge on SR 204 crossing the Forest River as the Anne O. Mueller Bridge.

636 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body celebrate the life of service
637 of Mrs. Rosa Tarver Beard and dedicate the bridge on SR 4 over 15th Street and the railroad
638 tracks near Wrightsboro Road in Augusta, Georgia, and Richmond County as the Rosa T.
639 Beard Memorial Bridge.

640 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the life of Hugh Carroll
641 Butler by dedicating the bridge on SR 25 over the CSX railroad tracks in the city limits of
642 Port Wentworth in Chatham County as the Hugh Carroll Butler Memorial Bridge.

643 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in recognizing and
644 honoring Sergeant Jerry Bagley for his heroic actions and unselfish dedication to duty in the
645 service of his country and dedicate the Satilla River Bridge on SR 158 as the Sergeant Jerry
646 Bagley Memorial Bridge.

647 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
648 accomplishments of Coach Billy Henderson and dedicate the interchange at I-75 and Sardis
649 Church Road in south Bibb County as the Coach Billy Henderson Interchange.

650 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
651 accomplishments of Claude A. Bray, Jr., and dedicate the Pigeon Creek Bridge on SR 41 as
652 the Claude A. Bray, Jr. Bridge.

653 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in recognizing and
654 honoring Senior Airman Buras for his heroic actions and unselfish dedication to duty in the
655 service of his country and dedicate the portion of SR 129S from the intersection at SR 107
656 to the Irwin County line as the Senior Airman Michael J. Buras Memorial Highway.

657 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
658 accomplishments of C. Lloyd Smith and dedicate the portion of SR 52 in Ellijay, Georgia,
659 in Gilmer County, from the Ellijay River Bridge to South Main Street at the Ellijay
660 roundabout as the C. Lloyd Smith Memorial Parkway.

661 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory
662 of Miss Ida Ware Scott, and dedicates the portion of Goshen Street from the intersection of
663 SR 378 (North Washington Street) to the city limits of Lincolnton on Goshen Street as the
664 Ida Ware Scott Memorial Road.

665 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
666 accomplishments of Officer Kathy A. Cox and dedicate the portion of SR 136 between the
667 I-75 bridge and the railroad tracks in Hill City as the Officer Kathy Cox Memorial Highway.

668 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body joins in honoring the service of SGT Harold
669 Wiggins and dedicates the bridge on US 441 South, past Memorial Gardens, as the SGT
670 Harold Wiggins Memorial Bridge.

671 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the life and service of
672 PFC Samuel Stephens Lance and dedicate the intersection of Lafayette Road and SR 27 as
673 the Steve Lance Memorial Intersection.

674 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor Charlie Will Stapleton
675 by dedicating the bridge on SR 41 crossing Bear Creek in Webster County as the Charlie
676 Will Stapleton Bridge.

677 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding heroism
678 and bravery of PFC Luther H. Story and dedicate the bridge on SR 26, over the
679 Kinchafoonee Creek in Marion County, as the Luther Story Bridge.

680 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
681 accomplishments of Forrest Laughlin Adair II and dedicate the bridge on US 78, the Stone
682 Mountain Freeway, at Park Place in Gwinnett County, as the Forrest Laughlin Adair II
683 Memorial Bridge.

684 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in recognizing and
685 honoring William Austin Atkins, Sr., for his outstanding service to his community and to the
686 State of Georgia and dedicate the bridge over I-75 North at Windy Hill Road, in Cobb
687 County, as the William Austin Atkins, Sr. Bridge.

688 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in honoring the life and
689 memory of William Travis Duke; express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing;
690 and dedicate the bridge over SR 41 at I-285, in Cobb County, as the W.T. (Travis) Duke
691 Memorial Bridge.

692 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Roy Parrish by dedicating the
693 portion of US 27/SR 1 from the city limits of Fort Oglethorpe south to Shields Crossing as
694 the Roy Parrish Parkway.

695 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Floyd C. and Mary McCants
696 Jarrell by dedicating the portion of Old Wire Road, SR 208, from the Talbot County line to
697 SR 19 South in Taylor County as the Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell Memorial
698 Highway.

699 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia portion of U.S. Highway 27, located within
700 the limits of the Martha Berry Highway, be dedicated as the Scenic Hometown Highway for
701 tourism enhancement purposes.

702 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body celebrate the life and
703 outstanding career and many accomplishments of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., and dedicate the
704 portion of SR 25 beginning at SR 88 to the Burke County line as the Judge John H. Ruffin,
705 Jr. Memorial Highway.

706 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Mr. Kermit Yates by
707 dedicating a portion of SR 152 from the city limits of Cobbtown, Georgia, to the Coleman
708 Bridge as the Kermit Yates Memorial Highway.

709 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the life and service of
710 Mr. Elton C. Snow and dedicate the intersection of the Fall Line Freeway and McCullough
711 Road as the Elton C. Snow Intersection.

712 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body hope for the family's sake the
713 pain of losing Connor will not last long and the memories will last forever and honor the life
714 of Connor Lee Eugene Lenning by dedicating the portion of SR 83 in Monroe County from
715 I-75 to SR87/US 23 as the Connor Lenning Memorial Highway.

716 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body joins in honoring the accomplishments of
717 Douglas Dent Daniel and dedicates the portion of US 341 from the outgoing city limits of
718 Jesup to the incoming city limits of Odum as the Douglas Dent Daniel Highway.

719 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body dedicates the intersection at Lee and Gordon
720 Mills Roads and SR 27 as the Cross Shield Road Intersection.

721 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
722 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
723 resolution.

724 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
725 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
726 Transportation, to the family of Carl Hamrick, to the family of SGT Rodney Maxwell Davis,
727 to Anne O. Mueller, to the family of Mrs. Rosa T. Beard, to the family of Hugh Carroll
728 Butler, to the family of Sergeant Jerry Bagley, to Coach Billy Henderson, to Claude A. Bray,
729 Jr., to the family of Senior Airman Michael J. Buras, to the family of C. Lloyd Smith, to the
730 family of Ida Ware Scott, to the family of Officer Kathy Cox, to the family of SGT Harold
731 Wiggins, to the family of PFC Samuel Stephens Lance, to the family of Charlie Will
732 Stapleton, to the family of Luther H. Story, to the family of Forrest Laughlin Adair II, to
733 William Austin Atkins, Sr., to the family of William Travis Duke, to the family of Roy
734 Parrish, to the family of Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell, to the family of Judge John H.
735 Ruffin, Jr., to the family of Kermit Yates, to the family of Elton C. Snow, to the family of
736 Connor Lee Eugene Lenning, and to Douglas Dent Daniel.

Senate Resolution 343

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, PFC Samuel Stephens Lance was born to Sam and Virginia Jo Lance on
4 November 24, 1949, in Fort Payne, Alabama; and

5 WHEREAS, he was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne
6 Division and died in Vietnam on May 1, 1970, while serving his country; and

7 WHEREAS, Steve attended Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, Georgia, where he
8 played football and basketball in his senior year; and

9 WHEREAS, he received the Coaches "Max Smith Award" for his skill at baseball; and

10 WHEREAS, he attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Chickamauga, and loved to go fishing
11 and hunting whenever he could; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve had three sisters, Jennifer Tarvin, Cynthia Lance, and Bridgett Barrett;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, because his father died three years before him, Steve became the man of the
15 family at a young age and took good care of his mother and sisters before he went into
16 military service; and

17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this hero who made the
18 ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom be established.

PART II

WHEREAS, in 1887, Charles Lafayette Stapleton, Charlie Will Stapleton's father, settled on farmland bordering Bear Creek and reared 11 children; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, Charlie Will bought adjacent farmland that surrounds the present bridge site over Bear Creek; and

WHEREAS, he lived on and farmed this land for his entire life, and the land is still owned and farmed by his great-nephew; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding man be established.

PART III

WHEREAS, Luther H. Story was a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean War, and he posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on September 1, 1950; and

WHEREAS, he was born on July 20, 1931, in Buena Vista, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1950, PFC Story distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action; and

WHEREAS, during a savage daylight attack that penetrated the thinly held lines of the 9th Infantry, PFC Story, a weapons squad leader, observed a large group of the enemy crossing the river to attack Company A; and seizing a machine gun from his wounded gunner, he placed deadly fire on the hostile column, killing or wounding an estimated 100 enemy soldiers; and

WHEREAS, facing certain encirclement, the company commander ordered a withdrawal; during the move, PFC Story noticed the approach of an enemy truck, and after alerting his comrades to take cover, he fearlessly stood in the middle of the road, throwing grenades into the truck; and

WHEREAS, during the withdrawal, the company was attacked by such superior numbers that it was forced to deploy in a rice field, and PFC Story was wounded in this action but,

46 disregarding his wounds, rallied the men about him and repelled the attack; when last seen,
47 he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault; and

48 WHEREAS, PFC Story's extraordinary heroism, aggressive leadership, and supreme
49 devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and were in keeping with the
50 esteemed traditions of the military service.

51 **PART IV**

52 WHEREAS, although he considered himself an Atlanta native, Forrest Laughlin Adair II
53 was born in 1941 in Birmingham, Alabama; and

54 WHEREAS, after graduating from Riverside Military School, he attended Georgia Tech and
55 later graduated from Georgia State with a business degree in real estate; and

56 WHEREAS, Forrest did not accept Jack Adair's offer of employment in the family business,
57 Adair Realty; instead, he felt compelled to be responsible for his own destiny, so he joined
58 The First National Bank of Atlanta in 1962; and

59 WHEREAS, but real estate was his true calling, so in 1982, he partnered with Virgil and Jim
60 Williams to form Williams Adair Equity Corp. and later, Williams Adair Realty Corp.; and

61 WHEREAS, over the next several decades, he directed the construction, purchase, and sale
62 of over one million square feet of diversified product, including office parks, strip shopping
63 centers, and mid-rise suburban office buildings; and

64 WHEREAS, he was always concerned with the impact of real estate on the community, as
65 evidenced by his participation in civic organizations, such as The Gwinnett Council for
66 Quality Growth - Past President, The Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, The Evermore CID,
67 NAIOP, the Commercial Board of Realtors, and others too numerous to name; and

68 WHEREAS, real estate was in his blood; Forrest Laughlin Adair II was the 4th generation
69 of an Atlanta real estate family, and his great-great-grandfather, Colonel George Adair, was
70 commonly referred to as the Father of Atlanta for his work rebuilding Atlanta after the Civil
71 War; Colonel Adair's motto was, "To be reliable is a fortune"; and

72 WHEREAS, Forrest's legacy is visible throughout Gwinnett County; he had a hand in all
73 types of projects, including apartments, office buildings, office parks, and shopping centers;

74 but land development projects were his favorite, as evidenced by his ATM pin number
75 "DIRT"; and

76 WHEREAS, walking a property in consideration of future development was his favorite real
77 estate activity; however, his most important legacy was the development of young men; and

78 WHEREAS, he was keenly aware of the challenges that face today's youth, and he believed
79 in building character in young men through the lessons and challenges of youth sports; he
80 coached baseball and football for over 30 years, and although some teams included his sons,
81 most of his time was spent pro bono for the children of others; he was known for
82 chauffeuring boys whose parents could not provide transportation and for building
83 self-confidence and teaching accountability; and

84 WHEREAS, he loved real estate, but his true legacy can be seen in the faces of all he
85 touched, and it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this life well lived be
86 established.

87 **PART V**

88 WHEREAS, William Austin Atkins, Sr., born in Tate, Georgia, on August 16, 1933, to
89 Austin and Gladys Atkins, has been recognized in the 24th Edition of Who's Who in the
90 World as worthy of recognition along with notable leaders and achievers from all walks of
91 life, whose contributions have made a lasting impact on the political, cultural, business, and
92 academic frameworks of America and the world; and

93 WHEREAS, this esteemed member of the House of Representatives from 1982 to 1994
94 served his constituents well as a member of the Appropriations, Regulated Beverages, and
95 Industry Committees; and

96 WHEREAS, his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Mercer University was of
97 great use to him as the Director of the Drugs and Narcotics Agency of the State of Georgia,
98 a position which he retired from in 2008; and

99 WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins possesses a wide range of talents and abilities which include being
100 lead vocalist of the Bill Atkins Band; and

101 WHEREAS, this devoted husband and father of two children and two stepchildren still finds
102 time to be involved in his community through his service to the First United Methodist

103 Church on the administrative board, to Mercer University School of Pharmacy on the board
104 of directors, Brawner Hospital on the governing board, and Smyrna Hospital on the
105 long-range planning board; and

106 WHEREAS, he honorably served his country in the United States Army Medical Service
107 Corps from 1955 to 1957; and

108 WHEREAS, others have recognized his talents and contributions by honoring him with
109 awards such as the Smyrna/Oakdale Moose Lodge in 1993 with the "Mr. Cobb County"
110 award; the Cobb County Clean Commission in 1992 with the "One of a Kind Award"; Cobb
111 County in 1992 with the Statesman of the Year award; American Cancer Society in 1991
112 with the Recipient Appreciation plaque; Personal Care Homes of Georgia in 1991 with the
113 Legislator of the Year Friendship Award; and the Cobb County Bar Association in 1991 with
114 the Liberty Bell Award; and

115 WHEREAS, in addition to the Pharmacist of the Year in Georgia award he received from Phi
116 Delta Chi in 1978, he has also received numerous awards throughout the years for his
117 dedication and service to the pharmacy profession; and

118 WHEREAS, Bill Atkins is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of one
119 individual can have on the citizens of his community, his state, his country, and even the
120 world, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be
121 recognized by the dedication of a bridge in his name in honor of his accomplishments.

122 **PART VI**

123 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
124 with the passing of William Travis Duke of Mableton; and

125 WHEREAS, he served as a State Representative, 1971-1975; was active in local and state
126 politics for over 30 years; and was one of the first Republicans elected in Cobb County; and

127 WHEREAS, a man of conviction and purpose, he was a member and/or officer of myriad
128 community service boards, including the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce,
129 Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, Mable House, Cobb County Boys Club,
130 Open Gate Children's Shelter, Department of Family and Children Services, Georgian Club,
131 Cobb-Marietta Museum, Salvation Army, and the Jaycees; and

132 WHEREAS, William was united in love and marriage to Betty and was blessed with two
133 remarkable children, Jennifer and Derek, and three wonderful grandchildren; and

134 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
135 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
136 family and friends were admired by others; and

137 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
138 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
139 made this world a better place in which to live; and

140 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Travis Duke will long be
141 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal public servant and advocate
142 for his community will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him, and it is
143 only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to his life be established.

144 **PART VII**

145 WHEREAS, Roy Parrish was born in Walker County, Georgia, on November 29, 1933, one
146 of four children born to Roy E. Parrish, Sr., and the former Annie May Autry; the Parrish
147 family and the Autry family were pioneers to Walker County and have made this county their
148 homes since the eighteenth century; and

149 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish was educated in the City of Chickamauga School System and
150 graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1953; he started to work for the Chickamauga
151 Telephone Company while still in high school, and he remained in their employ for nineteen
152 years, the last several as general manager; and

153 WHEREAS, he also served two years on active duty with the United States Army in Korea;
154 and

155 WHEREAS, he was elected Sole Commissioner of Walker County in the Democratic
156 Primary of 1972 and took office January 1, 1973; he went on to serve six four-year terms;
157 and

158 WHEREAS, some of his major accomplishments include building the first sanitary landfill
159 in 1973 and operating it for 23 years; building and paving the county roads; passing the first
160 Local Option Sales Tax Referendum in 1977 that rolled back county property tax and for the

161 first time offered property tax relief to the local community; building the civic center,
162 pavilion, and the 911 Center; building a tunnel from the courthouse to the jail for security;
163 building and operating an animal shelter, 16 fire stations, and 126 bridges; and

164 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish worked with Georgia Department of Transportation and the United
165 States Department of the Interior as well as the National Park Service and Congressman
166 Buddy Darden to get a better corridor through or around the Chickamauga Battlefield and
167 was largely responsible for getting the western route through Walker County established as
168 the relocated Highway 27 around the Chickamauga National Park; and

169 WHEREAS, he has been married to the former Cora Ann Kell, also a native of Walker
170 County, for more than 50 years, and they had two children, two grandchildren, and two
171 great-grandchildren; they live in the City of Chickamauga where they are active members
172 of the Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church; and

173 WHEREAS, he retired, undefeated, from public office in 1996 and now enjoys the freedom
174 of retirement; he and Cora Ann spend time traveling, enjoying their family, gardening, and
175 working in their church where Roy has recruited many of his friends; and

176 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life of public service be
177 established.

178 **PART VIII**

179 WHEREAS, Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell gave a lifetime of service to the people of
180 Taylor County, Georgia, and had a long string of achievements and contributions to their
181 community; and

182 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the lives of service of Floyd C. and Mary
183 McCants Jarrell be honored with a lasting memorial.

184 **PART VIII-A**

185 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 traverses the entire western length of Georgia and is
186 approximately 352 miles long; and

187 WHEREAS, the highway connects 18 diverse counties in the common cause of economic
188 development and regionalism; and

189 WHEREAS, the state and federal government invested billions of dollars in constructing
190 U.S. Highway 27 and, by supporting travel and tourism investment along the corridor, the
191 state will be increasing the taxpayers' return on investment; and

192 WHEREAS, promoting tourism along U.S. Highway 27 supports efforts to dismantle
193 persistent poverty in Georgia as seven of the 18 counties along the highway are classified by
194 the University of Georgia as "counties with persistent poverty"; and

195 WHEREAS, the activities around the promotion of U.S. Highway 27 can serve as a
196 sustainable model for other corridor tourism and economic development efforts in Georgia;
197 and

198 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 offers an attractive, alternate north-south transportation route
199 with authentic Georgia cultural heritage and scenic resources.

200 **PART VIII-B**

201 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of her most distinguished public servants,
202 innovative legal minds, and civil rights advocate with the passing of the Honorable John H.
203 Ruffin, Jr.; and

204 WHEREAS, Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., became the 62nd Judge of the Court of Appeals of
205 Georgia when he was administered the oath of office by Governor Zell Miller on August 24,
206 1994, after 33 years of practicing law and serving on the superior court bench; and

207 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin was born and reared in Waynesboro, Burke County, Georgia, the
208 son of John H. Ruffin, Sr., and Anna Davis Ruffin, and he was a graduate of Waynesboro
209 High and Industrial School, Morehouse College, and Howard University School of Law in
210 Washington, D.C.; and

211 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the Georgia Bar on July 5, 1961; and

212 WHEREAS, he was appointed a Superior Court Judge of the Augusta Judicial Circuit in
213 1986 by Governor Joe Frank Harris and he continued to serve as a superior court judge until
214 his appointment to the Court of Appeals; and

215 WHEREAS, in addition to being the first African American Superior Court Judge for the
216 Augusta Judicial Circuit, Judge Ruffin was also the first African American member of the

217 Augusta Bar Association, and the third African American and first African American Chief
218 Judge to serve on the Court of Appeals of Georgia; and

219 WHEREAS, in addition to his membership in the State Bar of Georgia, Judge Ruffin was a
220 member of the bars of the Supreme Court of Georgia, United States Supreme Court, United
221 States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and United States District Courts for the
222 Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia; and

223 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin had many professional, civic and religious affiliations, including:
224 Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia; Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia;
225 Tenth Judicial Administrative District; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Institute of Continuing
226 Judicial Education; Georgia Commission on Gender Bias; Court Reform Committee,
227 Governor's Conference on Justice in Georgia; Georgia Association of Criminal Defense
228 Lawyers; Georgia Advisory Council to the Legal Services Program; Judicial Nominating
229 Commission; Georgia Conference of Black Lawyers, Inc.; State Bar Judicial Compensation
230 Committee; American Judicature Society; National Bar Association; American Bar
231 Association; Augusta Bar Association; and the Atlanta Bar Association; and

232 WHEREAS, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges and
233 was on track to become the first African American to serve as President of the Council of
234 Superior Court Judges of Georgia prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals; and

235 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin and his beautiful wife, Judith, had one son, Brinkley, and two
236 grandsons, Bryson and Myles; and

237 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin and his family are members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in
238 Augusta; and

239 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to the life and outstanding
240 career of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., be established.

241 **PART VIII-C**

242 WHEREAS, Kermit Yates was a prominent citizen of the City of Cobbtown in Tattnall
243 County, Georgia; and

244 WHEREAS, Mr. Yates moved to the City of Cobbtown in the 1930s and departed this life
245 on October 26, 1995, after a long career as a mechanic and noted member of the Cobbtown
246 community; and

247 WHEREAS, he was the mayor of Cobbtown for many years; he was in charge of the city's
248 water department and was one of the founders of the water system; and

249 WHEREAS, he was also very active in the Sunlight Primitive Church, where he served as
250 a deacon and was also the caretaker for the church cemetery; and

251 WHEREAS, since Mr. Yates was a mechanic, he kept everyone "running" by working on
252 cars, trucks, and tractors; and

253 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding public
254 servant and community leader be established.

255 **PART VIII-D**

256 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy (Lou) Chastain was a retired employee of the Georgia Department
257 of Transportation where he was the District Engineer, covering Pickens, Cherokee, Gilmer
258 and Fannin Counties; and

259 WHEREAS, he was born in 1957 and was only 53 years of age when he passed away on
260 April 20, 2010; and

261 WHEREAS, his friends and colleagues remembered Lou's life with comments like: "He was
262 a man of his word," "He noticed everyone and gave them importance," "He was honest," and
263 "He always spoke the truth."; and

264 WHEREAS, two of his favorite sayings were, "The truth will stand when the world is on
265 fire," and "When you're telling the truth, you can talk as loud as you want."; and

266 WHEREAS, he was a man who did not judge people; he accepted everyone at face value and
267 then encouraged them to do their best; he acted not out of self-interest, but for the greater
268 good of the people around him; and

269 WHEREAS, Lou would take time out to help anyone, at any time; if he sensed help was
270 needed, he jumped in; and

271 WHEREAS, he retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation in January 2009 as
272 the D6-A2 Area Engineer; upon retirement, he went to work with Moreland Altobelli, where
273 Lou worked closely with the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners and in the short time
274 that Lou worked with them, the commissioners were so impressed with him that they
275 presented a resolution in his honor at their May, 2010, meeting; and

276 WHEREAS, Lou left behind his wife, Tracey, daughter, Mallory, and mother, Eleese; and

277 WHEREAS, ever since his death, friends and co-workers have been considering appropriate
278 ways to memorialize him and since the bridge over Talking Rock Creek on SR 136 was one
279 of the last projects that Lou worked on as a GDOT Area Engineer, and is in the area where
280 Lou grew up and over the creek that he fished in as a youth, it seems appropriate to have the
281 bridge named in his honor.

282 **PART VIII-E**

283 WHEREAS, PFC Don Manac was serving his country as a member of Company H, Second
284 Battalion, Seventh Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on August 20, 1970; and

285 WHEREAS, he was a member of a reaction force which was directed to relieve another
286 Marine unit that had been pinned down by fire from a large North Vietnamese Army force;
287 and

288 WHEREAS, upon arriving at the site of the beleaguered unit, the reactionary force came
289 under intense automatic weapons fire and, during the initial moments of the engagement, two
290 Marines were seriously wounded; and

291 WHEREAS, observing that the casualties were lying in an open area, PFC Manac
292 unhesitatingly moved across the fire-swept terrain to the side of his comrades and, seemingly
293 heedless of the enemy rounds impacting around him, dragged them to a covered location; and

294 WHEREAS, determined to prevent the hostile force from taking and using the wounded
295 soldiers' weapons, he again braved the enemy fusillade as he retrieved the rifles but, before
296 he could reach the safety of his platoon's defensive, he was mortally wounded; and

297 WHEREAS, his heroic and determined actions inspired all who observed him and were
298 instrumental in saving the lives of two fellow Marines; and

299 WHEREAS, by his courage, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave
300 personal danger, PFC Manac upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the
301 United States Naval Service and he gallantly gave his life in the service of his country; and

302 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice of PFC Don Manac be
303 honored by establishing a lasting memorial in his honor.

304 **PART VIII-F**

305 WHEREAS, Jim Cavan was born in Decatur, Georgia, in 1913; and

306 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, he received a football scholarship to the
307 University of Georgia where he played on Coach Harry Mehre's last team at Georgia; and

308 WHEREAS, after college he started coaching high school football, first at Gainesville High
309 School and then at Rome High School where his team won the state championship in 1942;
310 and

311 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; while in the Navy he was a
312 coach at the Iowa Pre-Flight School where he worked with such football legends as Bud
313 Wilkinson, Jim Tatum, and Johnny Vaught; and

314 WHEREAS, he was named as the head football coach and athletic director at R.E. Lee High
315 School in 1953 and remained in those positions until he retired in 1976; and

316 WHEREAS, during his 23 year career at Lee his football record was 140-84-14; his teams
317 won region championships in 1961, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1970; the Rebels played Valdosta
318 for the AAA state championship in 1961 and his 1970 team was Lee's first regular season
319 undefeated team; and

320 WHEREAS, Coach Cavan was named as Georgia's high school coach of the year in 1961 by
321 the Atlanta Touchdown Club; and

322 WHEREAS, he was a contemporary of such legendary Georgia high school coaches as
323 Wright Bazemore, Oliver Hunnicutt, Calvin Ramsey, Weyman Sellers, and Billy Henderson,
324 and Coach Cavan's name is always mentioned when the subject of Georgia's greatest high
325 school coaches comes up; and

326 WHEREAS, while at Lee, he was also the head coach of the Lady Rebels basketball team
327 and they had great success as his teams won 14 region titles and captured state
328 championships in 1963 and 1966; the 1962-63 team had a perfect 32-0 record and the
329 1963-64 team won its first 27 games, to run their streak to 59 consecutive wins, before losing
330 in the state championship game; and

331 WHEREAS, he met his wife, Dot, at the University of Georgia and they were married for 44
332 years until Coach Cavan passed away in 1983; and

333 WHEREAS, during his coaching career at Lee, Coach Cavan had the privilege of coaching
334 each of his five children; he coached Dottie and Joanie in basketball, and Jimmy, Mike, and
335 Pete in football; and

336 WHEREAS, Coach Cavan was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1961 and
337 into the Thomaston-Upson Inaugural Induction Hall of Fame in 2005; and

338 WHEREAS, Coach Jim Cavan continues to be a positive influence in the lives of thousands
339 of graduates of R.E. Lee High School; he consistently exhibited the character traits of
340 discipline, perseverance, loyalty, faith, and dedication to everyone he touched; and

341 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this great man and coach
342 be established.

343 **PART VIII-G**

344 WHEREAS, Willou Copeland Smith is a native of Glynn County, Georgia, where she
345 attended Glynn Academy and went on to Florida State University where she majored in
346 music therapy; and

347 WHEREAS, she married Bill Smith in 1961, and they have two children, Leigh Ann, who
348 is a real estate broker in Dallas and Cal, who is an attorney in Atlanta; and

349 WHEREAS, she served on the Glynn County Commission from 1980 through 1986; and

350 WHEREAS, in 1987, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where she
351 served until 1996, chairing the minority caucus for one term; and

352 WHEREAS, she received the prestigious A.W. Jones, Sr., Award in 2004 for dedicated
353 leadership and outstanding service to Brunswick and the Golden Isles, was included in the
354 YWCA's Tribute to Women for 2000, and was selected to enter the Leadership Georgia
355 program in 1982 where she served as trustee from 1983 to 1986; and

356 WHEREAS, she is a member of Christ Church, Frederica, where she served three years on
357 the Vestry, participated in the Rector search, and is immediate past president of the
358 Daughters of the King; and

359 WHEREAS, Willou energized the St. Simons "Clean and Beautiful" campaign, and her
360 efforts were recognized by then governor, Joe Frank Harris, who awarded her with the
361 Georgia Woman of the Year Award for "Georgia Clean and Beautiful" in 1981; and

362 WHEREAS, while in office she was known as the "go to" commissioner and legislator
363 because her highest priority was constituent service; and

364 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that her years of public service be appropriately
365 recognized.

366 **PART VIII-H**

367 WHEREAS, Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie Solomon Veal were the proud owners of The Veal
368 Café in downtown Milledgeville, Georgia; and

369 WHEREAS, they were the first African Americans to own a restaurant with a Coca Cola sign
370 in downtown Milledgeville; and

371 WHEREAS, they were considered the Founders of Education in Georgia with 22
372 descendants and cousins with master's degrees that includes one university president, five
373 doctorates, one Harvard Ph.D., three Double Masters, and two Ivy League Masters; and

374 WHEREAS, Henry and Mamie parented three generations of Ph.D. recipients and raised six
375 siblings who became educators, collectively with 170 years of service, even though they
376 started as cotton pickers with only a fifth grade education; and

377 WHEREAS, Henry Veal served in WWI as a Mess Sergeant for white army officers, and
378 while stationed in France he learned to speak French; and

379 WHEREAS, there is a historic bench in downtown Milledgeville dedicated in honor of the
380 Veals, and it is said that The Veal Café is where the WWII soldiers came to eat. In the
381 1940's, the white city hall workers made the café the first take out restaurant in Milledgeville;
382 and

383 WHEREAS, many of the Veals' children and other relatives worked in the café to help put
384 themselves through college; and

385 WHEREAS, at The Veal Café you could order a fish sandwich and a coke or "a pig ear
386 samish anna cocola" for a nickel; and

387 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding couple
388 be established; along the portion of SR 24 to be dedicated in their honor are the graves of
389 three generations of slave ancestors and 300 members of the Veal and Solomon families.

390 **PART VIII-I**

391 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
392 with the passing of Mr. Raymond Royal Marshall on January 15, 2011; and

393 WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Mr. Marshall earned a bachelor's degree from the
394 University of Georgia and dedicated 17 years to WSB Radio, earning a reputation as a
395 trailblazer in the radio industry; and

396 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall began his career with WSB Radio as a board operator and, in
397 1996, started his own radio talk show called "The Royal Treatment," which ran for several
398 years; and

399 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall was an integral member of Neal Boortz's radio team, where his
400 sense of humor and quick mind were incredible assets to the successful nationally syndicated
401 show; and

402 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Marshall was an active member of Ray
403 of Hope Christian Church, where he served as a deacon; and

404 WHEREAS, he was a community advocate and passionate about helping others, serving as
405 chair of the national advisory board at Forever Family, a nonprofit organization which helps
406 children who have parents who are incarcerated; and

407 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Annette,
408 and was blessed with two remarkable young daughters, Amira and Ava; and

409 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
410 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
411 family and friends were admired by others; and

412 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
413 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
414 made this world a better place in which to live; and

415 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Marshall will long be remembered for
416 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
417 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

418 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting that a lasting memorial to Mr. Marshall be
419 established.

420 **PART VIII-J**

421 WHEREAS, Berrien County is very proud of those men and women who have served our
422 country and represented Berrien County with honor and dignity; and

423 WHEREAS, Private Homer C. Sumner, born on January 17, 1922, and a lifelong resident of
424 Berrien County, after being drafted at the young age of 18 years, did in fact serve our country
425 in the United States Army from 1940 until his death in 1944, offering his life as a sacrifice
426 for our freedom; and

427 WHEREAS, Private Sumner, while serving in the Infantry 95 Division, was killed in action
428 on November 9, 1944, during the "Battle of the Bulge" in World War II; and

429 WHEREAS, Berrien County desires to pay honor to this fallen hero for his dedication and
430 sacrifice.

431 **PART VIII-K**

432 WHEREAS, the world lost a great leader and citizen with the passing of Charles "Chuck"
433 Burris on February 12, 2009; and

434 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Burris is known for the vital role he played in Georgia's
435 history by serving as the first African-American Mayor of Stone Mountain; and

436 WHEREAS, from 1997 until 2001, he gave heroic service and provided tremendous
437 leadership to the people of this State as the Mayor of Stone Mountain; and

438 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding student and attended Morehouse College in Atlanta,
439 Georgia, as a Merrill Scholar; and

440 WHEREAS, as a young man, Chuck began his leadership career by actively working in
441 politics, serving on the campaigns of Mayor Maynard Jackson and Ambassador and Mayor
442 Andrew Young; and

443 WHEREAS, Mr. Burris was a dedicated public servant as demonstrated by his active service
444 on the Stone Mountain City Council and his service as a public employee for the City of
445 Atlanta and the Office of the Secretary of State; and

446 WHEREAS, following his term as Mayor of Stone Mountain, Charles Burris became the
447 executive director of the Southern Regional Council, and he later worked at Lockheed Martin
448 as a senior IT manager; and

449 WHEREAS, Chuck Burris was exceptionally active in civic and community organizations
450 and he gave freely of his time, talents, gifts, and prayers; and

451 WHEREAS, he was a loving and devoted husband to his wonderful wife, Marcia Baird
452 Burris; and

453 WHEREAS, those who had the rich privilege of knowing him will remember him as a man
454 of great courage, strong faith, wholesome humor, and warm friendliness. They will
455 remember him as a man quick to champion the right and to make clear his disapproval of the
456 wrong. His solid integrity was eloquent, and his presence was a moral strength in any group;
457 and

458 WHEREAS, it is only proper to honor the memory of this life well-lived with a lasting
459 memorial.

PART IX

460

461 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
462 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life and service of PFC Samuel
463 Stephens Lance and dedicate the intersection of Lafayette Road and SR 27 as the Steve
464 Lance Memorial Intersection.

465 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor Charlie Will Stapleton
466 by dedicating the bridge on SR 41 crossing Bear Creek in Webster County as the Charlie
467 Will Stapleton Bridge.

468 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding heroism
469 and bravery of PFC Luther H. Story and dedicate the bridge on SR 26, over the
470 Kinchafoonee Creek in Marion County, as the Luther Story Bridge.

471 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
472 accomplishments of Forrest Laughlin Adair II and dedicate the bridge on US 78, the Stone
473 Mountain Freeway, at Park Place in Gwinnett County, as the Forrest Laughlin Adair II
474 Memorial Bridge.

475 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in recognizing and
476 honoring William Austin Atkins, Sr., for his outstanding service to his community and to the
477 State of Georgia and dedicate the bridge over I-75 North at Windy Hill Road, in Cobb
478 County, as the William Austin Atkins, Sr. Bridge.

479 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in honoring the life and
480 memory of William Travis Duke; express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing;
481 and dedicate the bridge over SR 41 at I-285, in Cobb County, as the W.T. (Travis) Duke
482 Memorial Bridge.

483 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Roy Parrish by dedicating the
484 portion of US 27/SR 1 from the city limits of Fort Oglethorpe south to Shields Crossing as
485 the Roy Parrish Parkway.

486 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Floyd C. and Mary McCants
487 Jarrell by dedicating the portion of Old Wire Road, SR 208, from the Talbot County line to
488 SR 19 South in Taylor County as the Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell Memorial
489 Highway.

490 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia portion of U.S. Highway 27, located within
491 the limits of the Martha Berry Highway, be dedicated as the Scenic Hometown Highway for
492 tourism enhancement purposes.

493 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body celebrate the life and
494 outstanding career and many accomplishments of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., and dedicate the
495 portion of SR 25 beginning at SR 88 to the Burke County line as the Judge John H. Ruffin,
496 Jr. Memorial Highway.

497 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Mr. Kermit Yates by
498 dedicating a portion of SR 152 from the city limits of Cobbtown, Georgia, to the Coleman
499 Bridge as the Kermit Yates Memorial Highway.

500 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body joins in celebrating the life of Jimmy (Lou)
501 Chastain and dedicates the bridge over Talking Rock Creek on SR 136 in Pickens County
502 as the Lou Chastain Memorial Bridge.

503 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor PFC Don Manac by
504 dedicating the bridge on SR 94 in Fargo, Georgia, at the Clinch/Echols County line, crossing
505 Suwannee Creek, as the PFC Don Manac Memorial Bridge.

506 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body joins in honoring the life of Coach Jim Cavan
507 and dedicates the portion of SR 74 in Thomaston, Georgia, in Upson County, from its
508 intersection with Church Street to its intersection with Holston Drive as the Coach Jim Cavan
509 Memorial Parkway.

510 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Willou Copeland Smith by
511 dedicating the portion of SR 303 from Altama Avenue to its intersection with US 17 as the
512 Willou Copeland Smith Highway.

513 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor Henry Veal, Sr., and
514 Mamie Solomon Veal by dedicating the portion of SR 24 in Baldwin County from its
515 intersection with Kings Road to the Washington County line as the Veal – Solomon
516 Highway.

517 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in honoring the life and
518 memory of Mr. Raymond Royal Marshall and dedicate the intersection of Courtland Street

519 and Ralph McGill Boulevard in Atlanta, Georgia, as the Raymond Royal Marshall Memorial
520 Intersection.

521 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the service of Private
522 Homer C. Sumner and dedicate a portion of SR 125, beginning at Coy Hancock Road and
523 ending at Morris C. Sumner Road as the Private Homer C. Sumner Memorial Road.

524 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory
525 of Charles "Chuck" Burris and dedicates the bridge located at the interchange of East Ponce
526 De Leon Avenue and SR 10/Memorial Drive as the Charles "Chuck" Burris Memorial
527 Bridge.

528 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
529 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
530 resolution.

531 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
532 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the
533 family of PFC Samuel Stephens Lance, to the family of Charlie Will Stapleton, to the family
534 of Luther H. Story, to the family of Forrest Laughlin Adair II, to William Austin Atkins, Sr.,
535 to the family of William Travis Duke, to the family of Roy Parrish, to the family of Floyd
536 C. and Mary McCants Jarrell, to the family of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., to the family of
537 Kermit Yates, to the family of Lou Chastain, to the family of PFC Don Manac, to the family
538 of Coach Jim Cavan, to Willou Copeland Smith, to the family of Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie
539 Solomon Veal, to the family of Mr. Raymond Royal Marshall, to the family of Private
540 Homer C. Sumner, and to the family of Charles "Chuck" Burris.